

Southwest Resource Advisory Council
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 25, 2011
Steam Plant
Salida, Colorado

ATTENDEES

Southwest Resource Advisory Council Members

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| Ken Emory, Category 1 | Andrew Gulliford, Category 2 | Jim Cochran, Category 3 |
| *Kathy Welt, Category 1 | Peter Mueller, Category 2 | Tony Gurzick, Category 3 |
| Eric Sanford, Category 1 | Wally White, Category 2 | Barbara Hawke, Category 3 |
| Buck McGee, Category 1 | Dan Morse, Category 2 | Lynn Padgett, Category 3 |
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Not present: Al Heaton, Category 1; Andrea Robinsong, Category 1; Gerald Koppenhafer, Category 3

BLM/FS Staff

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| Lori Armstrong, BLM, Southwest District | Brian St. George, BLM , Gunnison Field Office |
| Mark Stiles, FS/BLM, San Juan PLC | Barb Sharrow, BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office |
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Visitors

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| John Reams, Norwood (via phone) | Suzanne Sellers, CWCB (via phone) | |
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The meeting was called to order at 8:02am by Chair Kathy Welt

The agenda for the day was approved by all with additions of RRAC for a Decision and local input for policy for Decision. Also an interest in discussing the new camping rule.

A motion was made by Andy Guilliford to approve the minutes from the October, 2010, RAC meeting, seconded by Wally White. Motion passed.

Uncompahgre RMP – Wild & Scenic River

Barb Sharrow introduced Peter Mueller and John Reams to present the process and findings of the sub-RAC. John and Peter presented background regarding the process, meetings and those in attendance. There was a discussion pertaining to the resolutions from Montrose and San Miguel Counties. Montrose County passed their resolution, not in favor of WSR, very early in the process. San Miguel County passed their resolution, in favor of WSR, both at the beginning of the process and more detailed comments towards the end of the process.. There was also a discussion regarding Federal Reserve water rights. Such water rights are a part of the Act, however they are junior rights, perfected date as of the date of designation.

Motion was made by Lynn Padgett to accept the recommendation from the subRAC and recommend that BLM move forward with consideration in the RMP. Motion was seconded by

Wally White. Discussion ensued recognizing the process used by the subRAC was a good, fair, open process, can't make all happy, give and take. Additional discussion occurred regarding access with each different classification. CWCB stated there is insteam flow to protect the fish and to be cognizant of the Colorado River Compact and any affect designation might have. Vote – all in favor, Eric Sanford against based on own knowledge ignorance to affect on water rights and access.

Gunnison Geothermal & Gunnison Sage Grouse CCA: St. George (Handouts Attached)

Thank the RAC for their comments on Geothermal EA. BLMs response to RACs comments were discussed. BLM will provide a response back to the RAC. Discussion that non-waivable may prevent legal challenge.

CCA is still maturing and there are good partners at the table.

Travel Management: Stiles

Three decisions in Dolores have been made for travel management. Two decisions were remanded back to the District Ranger. The agencies have started implementing one decision with ARRA dollars. There has been a protest march on the Dolores Office with 100+ participants regarding implementation of the decision. Implementation of the CANM RMP travel decisions are to begin. RAC encouraged coordination discussion on implementation of the decision and would participate on tours discussing implementation.

RRAC Resolution: Welt (see Handout)

RAC reviewed the draft RRAC resolution. Verbiage change from “regional” to “other” recommended. Motion made to adopt resolution with verbiage change by Jim Cochran, seconded by Andy Guilliford. All approved.

Future topics: Statewewide O&G stips, hunting regs

A motion to adjourn was made by Tony Gurzick, seconded by Dan Morse. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.